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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6518-8]

Local Government Advisory Committee: Notice of Charter Renewal

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of charter renewal.

SUMMARY: The Charter for the Environmental Protection Agency's Local Government Advisory Committee (LGAC) will be renewed for an additional two-year period, as a necessary committee which is in the public interest, in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), 5 U.S.C. App. section 9(c). The purpose of LGAC is to provide advice and recommendations to the Administrator of EPA on ways to improve its partnership with Local Governments and provide more efficient and effective environmental protection.

It is determined that LGAC is in the public interest in connection with the performance of duties imposed on the Agency by law.

Inquiries may be directed to Denise Ney, Designated Federal Officer, LGAC, U.S. EPA, (mail code 1306), 401 M Street, SW, Washington, DC 20460.

Dated: December 14, 1999.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6518-1]

Alaska: Tentative Determination and Final Determination of Full Program Adequacy of the State of Alaska's Municipal Solid Waste Landfill Permit Program

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA), as amended by the Hazardous and Solid Waste Amendments of 1984, requires States to develop and implement permit

programs to ensure that municipal solid waste landfills which may receive hazardous household waste or small quantity generator hazardous waste will comply with the revised Federal landfill criteria. RCRA also requires the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to determine whether States have adequate "permit" programs for municipal landfills.

EPA's notice of Final Partial approval of Alaska's Class I and Class II municipal landfill permit landfill program, and Tentative Partial approval of the State's Class III landfill program was published in the **Federal Register** on October 19, 1998. The public comment period on the Class III component ended on January 26, 1999. There was no request for a public hearing. One letter of comment was received. Today's document contains EPA's Tentative Full and Final Full Determination of Adequacy (approval) of Alaska's municipal solid waste landfill permit program.

Alaska's most recent solid waste management regulatory changes (proposed on August 1, 1997) were finalized by the state in its October 29, 1998, rule revision of 18 AAC 60. The changes that relate to the municipal landfill program were: addition of financial assurance requirements for Class I and II landfills which adopt EPA's 40 CFR part 258, subpart G municipal landfill criteria by reference; addition of the notification requirement for an owner or operator who learns that a municipal landfill has polluted, or may have polluted an aquifer; and removal of the 2010 sunset date (upgrade deadline) for Class III landfills. The removal of the sunset date was implemented under the exemption authority granted to Alaska by the federal Land Disposal Program Flexibility Act of 1996. Alaska's announced intent to remove the sunset date was discussed in EPA's tentative partial Class III approval in the **Federal Register** notice of 10/19/98. The Governor's certification of August 6, 1999, cites that the State has exempted Class III municipal landfills from those requirements of 40 CFR part 258 that are more stringent than the requirements imposed on Class III landfills under 18 AAC 60, as may be amended. The 10/29/98 regulatory revision by Alaska of its solid waste regulations, and the Governor's certification, establishes full adequacy with respect to EPA's part 258 municipal landfill criteria.

On August 30, 1999, EPA received Alaska's request for full program approval. EPA believes there will be no significant adverse comments on today's notice. Nevertheless, a sixty day public

comment period is included in today's Tentative full approval by EPA of the state municipal landfill program. If no significant adverse comments are received, the Final full approval will become effective on the tenth day after the end of the comment period. (If there are significant adverse comments, EPA will need to respond to them and possibly publish a withdrawal of full approval.) Today's notice contains both the Tentative and Final actions to streamline the approval process and as a convenience to the public.

With respect to Alaska's Audit Privilege and Immunity Law, today's approval does not reflect a position by EPA regarding the state's authority to administer any other federally authorized, delegated, or approved environmental program. Alaska's program that is in today's Full determination of adequacy is described in the Decision section of this document.

Alaska's application is available for public review at EPA's office in Seattle, and at the EPA operations offices in Juneau and Anchorage. If desired, EPA will deliver a copy immediately (for public viewing) to the Solid Waste office of the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation in Fairbanks—upon telephone, fax, or written request to the Contact person listed below.

EFFECTIVE DATE AND COMMENT PERIOD: All comments on today's tentative determination of full program adequacy, must be received in writing by the office of the EPA person named in the CONTACTS section of this notice on or before 5:00 PM, Pacific Time, on March 6, 2000. Copies may be sent by fax to Steven B. Sharp, (206) 553-8509, on or before this date provided the original document is also sent by regular mail. EPA is not required to hold a public hearing and is not offering one in today's notice. (In the unlikely event that a need for a public hearing arises, EPA will make an announcement of same in a future **Federal Register**.)

The final determination of full program adequacy of Alaska's municipal solid waste landfill permit program shall become effective on March 15, 2000, if there are not significant adverse written comments on today's document. Alternatively, if EPA receives sufficient adverse comments, a subsequent notice will be published in the **Federal Register** that either withdraws today's final full approval or affirms today's final full program approval. If published, it will discuss the comments received and include